

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Specification Total Pages 33
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35USC 113) Total Pages 8
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 4
  - a. ☒ Unexecuted(original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed) [Note Box 4 Below]
  - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting  
Inventor(s) named in the prior appln.  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
4. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which  
a Copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box  
3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document to follow (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior Application,  
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
12. ☒ Certified copy(ies) of Japanese priority document(s)  
No(s). P2002-361302 filed December 12, 2002.

14. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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## CLAIMS AS FILED

	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) BASIC FEE \$770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS		26	6	\$18.00	108.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS		6	3	86.00	258.00
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application, or credit any overpayment to ACCOUNT NO. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge attorney's firm American Express Account No. 378571697401002 in the amount of \$ 1,136.00 to cover the above fees. PTO Form 2038 is enclosed for that purpose.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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RE: New U.S. Application for Letters Patent entitled  
"ACOUSTIC SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
SIGNAL RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND PROGRAM"  
Applicant(s): Mototsugu Abe, et al.  
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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 26 claims (6 independent), 8 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-9) and the filing fee of \$770.00 on behalf of

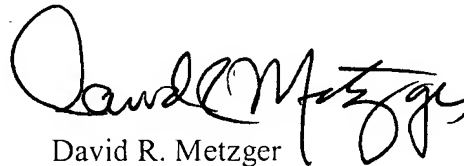
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and request that the application be assigned a serial number and filing date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d).

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures